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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following reference, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 5-285103, dated November 2, 1993 together with English language abstract.

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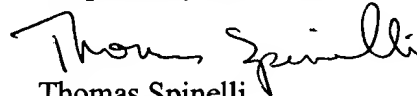
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Respectfully submitted,

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